

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Roberto PELLICCIARI	Confirmation No.:	3802
Application No.:	10/590,848	Art Unit:	1612
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Title:	NOVEL STEROID AGONIST FOR FXR		

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time and a copy of Pellicciari, *et al.*, "6 $\alpha$ -Ethyl-Chenodeoxycholic Acid (6-EDCA), a Potent and Selective FXR Agonist Endowed with Anticholestatic Activity," Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, 45(17): 3569-3572 (August 15, 2002) ("Pellicciari") are being filed herewith. The Petition of Extension of Time extends the due date for response to Monday, November 3, 2008.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.